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Supplemental response to appellant's reply brief:

The affidavit by Philip Malte was considered by the examiner and not deemed persuasive because it characterizes the current claims far more specifically than the language as presented, for example by improperly incorporating limitations from the specification into the claims regarding the cruise mode. Further, appellant's request to establish "pioneer status" is not persuasive in any respect. The evidence presented by appellant of 45 patents which cite as prior art at least one of the two patented parent cases is hardly definitive of a pioneer patent, and therefore the declaration does not serve to define over the art of record.

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